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August 27, MCMXI.

The Secretary.

The Numismatic Society.

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

May I ask you the favour of sending me some printed material on the Society containing a list of its present officers.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness,
I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Frits V. Holm.

M.R.A.S. (London).



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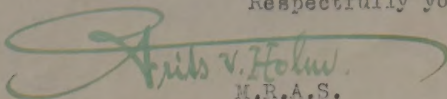
Gentlemen:-

It will give me great pleasure, if a meeting between at least two of the members of the Standing Committee on Decorations, Insignia and War Medals and myself can be arranged some time during the autumn, so that I may be enabled to lay before the Committee, and discuss, a plan for the further collection of Foreign Decorations, in which I take some interest and may possibly term myself an expert.

I believe I could be of some not inconsiderable use to the Society in the way of saving money in enlarging this division of the Collections of the Society; and it will perhaps be remembered, that, some months ago, I had the pleasure of meeting one of the gentlemen in the office and discuss Foreign Orders with him.

It would be pleasant could I meet the members of the Committee in a near future.

Respectfully yours,


Fritz v. Holst
M.R.A.S.

FRITS V. HOLM, M.R.A.S.

(Naval officer, journalist, explorer).

Born in Denmark on July 23 1881 he is the elder son of the late Consul-General F. Holm of Copenhagen. He passed a preliminary examination at the Copenhagen University and received, 1895-1900, an officer's education in the Royal Danish Navy, visiting many countries on men-o'-war. Having seen the Paris Exposition of 1900, he went to the Far East and worked in Shanghai and Hankow in journalistic and commercial positions (1901-03), eventually accepting the posts of manager and editorial secretary of The Japan Daily Advertiser in Yokohama. In May 1904, during the Russo-Japanese war, he left Japan and returned to Denmark via U.S.A., where he visited the St. Louis World's Fair as special correspondent, completing in nearly four years his first circumnavigation. From Sept. 1905 till Feb. 1907, he worked with the Potentia Press Organization in London under the Earl of Kintore and Sir Wm. Ramsey, frequently visiting the Continent; and in July 1906 he represented The Associated Press at the Interparliamentary Peace Conference in the House of Lords.

He is a life-member of the Royal Yacht Club (Copenhagen), of the Imperial Red Cross Societies of Russia and Japan (war medals) and of the Kihin Kai (Tokio); a member of the Royal Asiatic Society (London) and other scientific institutions and an Officier of the Venezuelan Order of the Libertador. He is the author of numerous articles on Far Eastern and other subjects, and he holds a Royal License as Sworn Interpreter, commanding: English, French, German and the three Scandinavian languages, besides knowing something of the Roman tongues and Chinese.

At the age of 25 he obtained the capital for a scientific expedition into the interior of China. The result of THE HOLM-NESTORIAN EXPEDITION TO SIAN-FU 1907-08, which covered by caravan and water more than 2500 miles through little-known regions, was the bringing to civilization of a two-ton, ten feet high monolithic replica of the famous Nestorian Monument of A. D. 781 - since July 1908 as a loan in the Metropolitan Museum in New York. "The Nestorian Monument" (The Open Court Publ. Co., Chicago, 1909) tells about the tablet and the expedition, through which he completed his second circumnavigation. Lack of time has prevented his accepting lecture invitations from Europe; but he has lectured, in English and French, in fifteen Universities and Learned Institutions in U.S.A. and Mexico on his exploration work, about which hundreds of illustrated newspaper and magazine articles have appeared, and of which mention has been made in The Encyclopaedia Britannica (11th ed.) and three American cyclopaedias.

August MCMXI.
140 Nassau Street,
New York City.



October 5th, 1911.

Mr. Frits V. Holm,
140 Nassau Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

I delayed answering your letter of September 5th until I knew positively the movements of the Chairman of our Committee on Decoration, Insignia and War Medals, who is at present in Europe. I have heard from him a few days ago to the effect that he will be abroad until next Spring. Another member of the Committee lives in Hartford, Connecticut, and as he does not come to New York very often, and when he does come he is usually very much pressed for time, I do not see how I can arrange a meeting between you and that Committee for any time this fall. I would, however, be glad to talk over the matter mentioned in your letter with you if you should find it convenient to call here any day between eleven o'clock and four.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Room 502
140 Nassau Street
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October 6th, MCMLXI.

Bauman L. Belden, Esq.

Director The Numismatic Society.

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

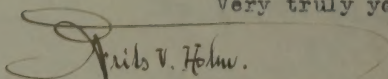
Many thanks for your letter of yesterday.

Since writing you on Spt. 5th I have had the pleasure of being introduced to Mr. S.H.P. Fell by Colonel Robert M. Thompson, and I have said a few words about my plan.

Mr. Fell however is temporarily away, but said, that he wanted to have further discussions with me, when he returned. He also spoke of the possibility of my delivering before the Society a lecture on Foreign Orders of Knighthood etc. - a suggestion, which he very kindly offered himself.

I think it would be splendid if the very good collection of Foreign Orders now at hand could be enlarged and improved upon so as to become one the finest in the world, and I think, that I have a way, where at comparatively small expense a lot of Orders and Insignia might be obtained. This plan I shall discuss with Mr. Fell when I see him again. In the meantime I trust that I shall have time to come to the office and have a talk with you about the same questions.

Very truly yours,

Philip V. Hehn.

Ph.D. etc.

MR. HOLM

14 JOHN ST.

Kindly mention my name in
writing to T. J. Weber!

MR FRITS V. HOLM

Royal Yacht Club
Copenhagen

140 Nassau Street
New York



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Oct. 26, 1911.

B.L.Belden, Esq.

Director American Numismatic Society.

My dear Sir:-

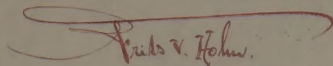
The book I am myself sending for is:

L.J.Trost: Die Ritter-und Verdienst Orden &c.&c.

By sending Marks 21.50 to

Verlagsbuchhandlung von J.J.WEBER, Leipzig, Saxony,
you should receive the book postfree.

Yours sincerely,


Fritz V. Hohn.
Ph.D. etc.

October 27th, 1911.

Mr. Frits V. Holm,
140 Nassau Street,
New York.

My dear Sir:-

Many thanks for your letter of October 26th giving the title of the book on foreign orders. I will send for it in the course of a few days, ^{either} ~~through~~ direct or through a party in Germany who obtains a good many books for us. Should I write direct to the Publisher, I will certainly mention your name.

Very sincerely yours,

Director.

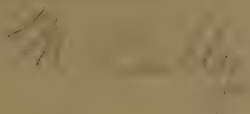
July 9th, 1912.

Mr. Frits V. Holm,
140 Nassau Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

As you spoke of coming up here some day this week to see Mr. Belden, I beg to advise you that Mr. Belden will not be back until next week.

Very truly yours,



March 17th, 1914.

Mr. Fritz v. Holm,
14 John Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Holm:-

I ran across something that puzzled me somewhat the other day, and it occurred to me that possibly you might be able to throw a little light upon it. Sometime ago we secured the first class plaque of the Order of the East of Bolivar, which, I believe, you saw the last time you were up here. This obverse bears in the centre the portrait of Bolivar similar to the obverse of the badge of the order, and enameled in the same color. Later we secured the second class plaque smaller in size and in the centre the arms of Venezuela similar to the reverse of the badge, but without enamel. I thought then that we had about everything of that order until a little later I got another plaque, the same in size and appearance as the first class plaque, but having in the centre the reverse of the badge with enamel. I have, therefore, felt somewhat in doubt as to whether the first class plaque was used with both the obverse and reverse of the badge, or whether the second class plaque was issued in two sizes and styles differing so much. If you can tell me anything about this, I will appreciate it very much.

We have a meeting up here on Thursday evening. I sent you a card a few days ago. Should you feel inclined to drop in you would be very welcome.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

My dear Mr. Berlin. - I hope
to come to-morrow night

MR. HOLM

and we may then have a

14 JOHN ST.

little cheat about the
Bolivar "Busts". Here given

Wm. V. Hohm.

18.3.1914.

November 15th, 1914.

Mr. Henry W. Wells,
14 John Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. Wells:-

I was very sorry to hear that all the other Americans I was seen talking of you were at home today, and wondering if you were still in the city. I fear that was so, for that I was wrong, if I recalled a private hotel in the case the Order of World, second class, and that the Order of World was an order by all sort celebration and was of one of the world. This is a case where it happens that we are both right. The world is the same is the world of the second class or the Order of World which was established in 1867 as a reward for victory in the civil Indian cause. This order was of these classes, while the order in which we have recovered was established in England in 1867, and is entirely distinct from this.

It is customary for us to have one or two informal meetings on the evening of the first Monday of each month except during the summer. We are planning to begin to have at these meetings some particular subject for exhibition and discussion, and to get two or three of our members or friends to contribute either in the way of exhibiting or talking. Your last meeting was on the subject of bridge work, and we had a most interesting meeting. I have been discussing with Mr. Walker the advisability of devoting one evening to the subject of decorations, war relics and insignia. This is a subject, of course, which interests you, and it occurred to me that you might possibly have a little to say to us on that occasion. Next time I see you I would be very glad to talk it over with you.

We have been getting quite a few interesting things lately. I suppose you notice some of them in the cases.

Hoping to see you again before long, and with kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

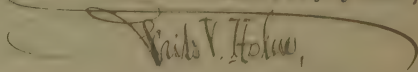
November 14th, 1914.

Dear Mr. Belden:-

I am very happy to have your letter of yesterday,
but I must say, that the words "Order of Merit" (O.M.) in Great
Britain to-day signifies something so extraordinarily high, that
the same designation can hardly be used for any other British
distinction. The ~~Tacoma~~ Order of Service is well known.

Yes - your collections are certainly getting more and
more interesting, and I hope soon to come and see you again. I
should like to come sometime, when Mr. Garret (M.R.A.S.) or Mr. Paul
Mr. Belden will be here.

Sincerely yours,


Paul V. Holman,
Pa.D., M.R.A.S.

BAUMAN L. BELDEN ESQ.

November 18th, 1914.

Mr. Fritz V. Holm,
14 John Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Holm:-

I was very glad to get your letter of November 14th, and hope to have the pleasure of seeing you some day soon.

Mr. Saltus is now in New York, and comes up here very frequently, but I seldom know ahead of time when he is coming. I will probably see him tomorrow, and if I can tie him down to a date a few days ahead, I will let you know.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

My dear Mr. Belden:-

I have just received from London the enclosed circular which I am certain will prove of interest.

If I may suggest it - tho' an outsider - I would send

H. Trendell Esq., M.V.O.
Lord Chamberlain's Office
St. James's Palace,
S.W.
England,

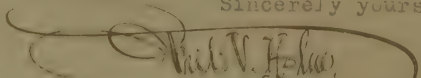
a draft for 11 shillings and 2 pence in pre-payment for the book mentioned in the circular, inasmuch as I am rather convinced that the book (unless you have it) contains a great deal of interesting material about orders and decorations and the proper manner of wearing them.

Will you let me know what you do and mention my name if you write to Mr. Trendell.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Hoping to see you on Monday, I remain,

Sincerely yours,


P.V.H.
P.D., M.R.A.S.

Belmont Belden Esq.,

December 4th, 1914.

Mr. Frits V. Holm,
14 John Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Holm:-

Many thanks for your letter and the prospectus of the book. Mr. Saltus was here to-day, and I handed him the prospectus. He said he thought he had a copy of the book, and would look when he got back to his hotel. I will return the prospectus to you when I see you Monday evening when I will know all about it.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

December 14th, 1914.

Mr. Frits V. Holm,
14 John Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. Holm:-

Many thanks for the ribbon.. It was received on Saturday.. and immediately put on the medal where it belonged, but as I had to go to a sale Saturday afternoon, I did not take the time to write to you then.

As you will see by the enclosed card, we are going in a way to still stick to the same subject for our next meeting, which is next Saturday afternoon. Should it be convenient for you to come up, we would be exceedingly glad to see you. If you do come I do not want to forget to find out what you can tell about a certain decoration that is among those that Mr. Prosekey has on exhibition here, and which has kind of stumped both Mr. Saltus and myself.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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Fritz V. Holm, Esq.,
14, John Street,
NEW YORK.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry re Indian Decorations,
we beg to say that we have no knowledge of the one you
mention.

Several Indian States have instituted Orders
of Merit, which are, however, only conferred within their
own dominions.

Yours obediently,

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Concerning Kapinathala Decoration.

February 15th, 1915.

Mr. Fritz V. Holm,
14 John Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Holm:-

Many thanks for the trouble you have taken regarding the Kapurthala decoration, I presume we will get definite information regarding it in time, and, in the meantime, will have to exercise a little patience.

With kind regards, and hoping that you will find time to take a trip up here in the near future, I am,

Most cordially yours,

(Navigator, explorer, writer, lecturer)

Decorated with the Grand Cross with Swords of the Order of St.Cyrillus and St.Methodius (HOLY SEE), the Knight-Commander Badge and Star of the Order "El Busto del Libertador" (U.S. of VENEZUELA), the II Class of the Royal Red Cross (SPAIN), the Knight's Cross of the Royal Order of the Redeemer (GREECE) and with other decorations and medals from RUSSIA, FRANCE, JAPAN, BELGIUM, LIECHTENSTEIN and MEXICO.

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He is a gold-medalist, an honorary, a corresponding, a life and an ordinary member of 12 scientific and humane societies and academies in 8 countries, including membership in the Royal Asiatic Society (London). His clubs are the Royal Yacht Club (Copenhagen) and the Authors' Club (London).

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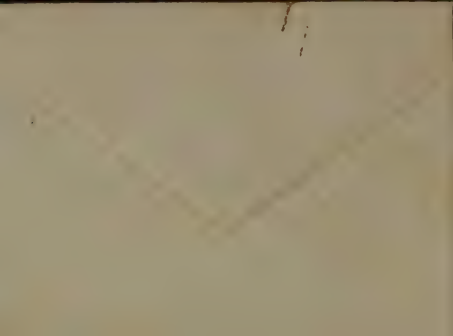
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To Mr. B. Den.

The Private Secretary to

H. H. the Maharajah of
Kopinthal, G. P. S. S.
The R. H. - 1864.



May 3rd 1917.

Dear Mr. Bellin

I transacted my business with
the Maharaja's secretary this pm. and
would not like to go back unless
sent for.

He expects me (the secretary
does) however, tomorrow, Tuesday, at
about 11 am, with the Kapurthala
insignia, so that he may tell
us exactly what they are.
Very respectfully

that you or your secretary, go
instead, as I am to have
my painting to-morrow from 10-1.

He is at the Ritz on
the 12th floor. Simply send if
you send with mine — as usual.

Sincerely yours,

Frederic V. Holden

In haste!

May 4th, 1915.

Mr. Brits V. Helm,
14 John Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Helm:-

Your letter of May 3rd reached me this morning, but as I did not get here until after tea, and I found a number of things waiting for me that I could not put off, it was not possible for me to go down to the Ritz Carlton at eleven o'clock. We will, therefore, have to wait some other opportunity of identifying the Kappa Alpha Association.

Thanking you very much for the trouble you have taken regarding this, and hoping that you may find it convenient to attend our meeting on Thursday evening, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

6/4/17

My dear Mr. Wood:-

I'm back from Italy and Florida, and I send you and President Newell my best regards.

In my mail I find a desire to the following effect, that the gentleman mentioned below will probably be glad to join the society:

COM. M.D. de MONTFORT

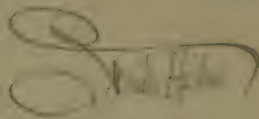
GUATEMALA CITY

GUATEMALA.

His mail should be registered and I suggest that my name be mentioned, if you send him the conditions and some literature about the "Numismatic".

The Nestorian Stone is now permanently in Rome as the Pope's property.

Sincerely yours, -



Hand and

14 JOHN STREET
NEW YORK

1.11.18

Dear and numismatic Sir:-

Just a line which I intended sending after I saw you last on the background of the magnificent Cuban exhibition to inform you that, should you have opportunity to engrave any diploma or the like, the name of our Cuban friend in official style is:

In Spanish:

Excmo. Sr. Doctor Don Eugenio Sánchez de Fuentes y Peláez.

In English:

His Excellency Dr. Eugenio Sánchez de Fuentes y Peláez.

Isn't that fine, and aren't you glad to have in such correct style?

Pray, let me know, if anything is done to recompense Dr. de Fuentes for his great interest and generosity.

Always,

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. H. W.

November 7th, 1918.

Mr. Frits Holm,
14 John Street,
New York.

Dear and decorated Sir:-

I should have answered your letter before but the "flu" has delayed the game.

I find that Dr. Fuentes was made a Corresponding Member of our Society several months ago, and seems duly appreciative of the honor.

Our Honorary Membership is now restricted wholly to those who have actually done good and noble work strictly in numismatics.

Many thanks for Dr. Fuentes full title, and I will have it put on his membership card in case anything comes up.

Yours very truly,

Curator.



THE HON. FRITS HOLM

G.C.O.M., G.C.C.M., K.C.R., K.C.S., LL.D., D.C.L.

Navigator, Explorer, Writer, Lecturer

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

January, 1919

DR. HOLM is decorated with the Grand Cross (for services during the great war) of the Order of Honour and Merit (Cuba); with the Grand Cross with Swords of St. Cyril and St. Methodius and the Knight-Commander Cross of the Order of St. Sylvester (Holy See); the Grand Officer's Badge and Star of the Order of the Liberator (U. S. of Venezuela); the Knight-Commander Cross of the Royal Order of the Redeemer (Greece); the Coronation Medal and Royal Red Cross (Spain); the Cambodian Medal of Merit in Gold (France); and with additional decorations from Belgium, Cuba, France, Holy See, Japan, Portugal, Russia, Spain, etc., in all 28, conferred from 1902-18.

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world. During the beginning of the great war he again visited London (autumn 1914) for the Associated Press.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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DR. HOLM is decorated with the Grand Cross (for services during the great war) of the Order of Honour and Merit (Cuba); with the Grand Cross with Swords of St. Cyril and St. Methodius and the Knight-Commander Cross of the Order of St. Sylvester (Holy See); the Grand Officer's Badge and Star of the Order of the Liberator (U. S. of Venezuela); the Knight-Commander Cross of the Royal Order of the Redeemer (Greece); the Coronation Medal and Royal Red Cross (Spain); the Cambodian Medal of Merit in Gold (France); and with additional decorations from Belgium, Cuba, France, Holy See, Japan, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Portugal, Russia and Spain, in all 28, conferred from 1902-18.

Born at Charlottenlund, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 23, 1881. Elder son of the late Consul-General Frederik P. and Emma G. M. (Bording) Holm. Confirmed in the Lutheran Church, 1895. Married, at New York, Oct. 9, 1919, Marguerite M. Green, only child of Warren L. Green, president of the American Bank Note Co., and Jeanne M. (Thierry) Green. Passed a preliminary examination at the Copenhagen University and received (1895-1900) an officer's education in the Danish ROYAL NAVY, visiting many countries on men-o'-war, and resigning after passing his navigator's examination but before being commissioned. While 14 he served with the present King of Norway on a five months' cruise to the Danish West Indies. After visiting the Paris Exposition (1900) he went, while still 19, to the Far East under an arrangement made by Her Royal Highness Princess Marie of Denmark. He worked in Shanghai and Hankow in journalistic and commercial positions, and later as executive of the Japan Daily Advertiser at Yokohama. In 1904, when the Russo-Japanese war was in full swing, he left Japan for Denmark, via the U. S. A., where he visited the St. Louis World's Fair as special correspondent, completing in 41 months his first circumnavigation of the globe. He was engaged in special journalistic work in London (1905-7) under the Earl of Kintore, G.C.M.G., Sir William Ramsay, K.C.B., Sir Rider Haggard, and others, frequently visiting the Continent. In July, 1906, he represented the Associated Press at the Interparliamentary Peace Conference in the House of Lords, acting also as assistant to the Hon. William J. Bryan,

LL.D., later Secretary of State, where, as on many other occasions, he met statesmen and diplomats from all over the world. During the beginning (Sept., 1914) of the great war he again visited London for the Associated Press as war-correspondent.

When 25, Dr. Holm organized and commanded a scientific mission into the far interior of China. The principal archaeological result of THE HOLM-NESTORIAN EXPEDITION TO SIAN-FU (1907-8), which covered by caravan and native houseboat more than 2500 miles of little-travelled ground, was the bringing to western civilization, in spite of attempted assassination, illness and intrigue, of the only TWO-TON, ten foot, monolithic Replica in oolitic limestone of the famous Nestorian Monument of A. D. 781, exhibited (1908-16) in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, president: J. Pierpont Morgan, LL.D.; director: Sir Purdon Clarke, K.C.V.O. Since January, 1917, the Replica, representing a total outlay of \$22,000, has been permanently and worthily placed, resting on a large block of marble which bears a Latin inscription, in the world's foremost Christian museum, THE LATERAN PALACE, Rome, an American convert having acquired title to it for presentation to Pope Benedict XV. At the donor's request Dr. Holm took the Replica, which he transported in all more than twenty thousand miles, from New York to Genoa during the submarine war, making the presentation of the monument at the first (Nov. 26, 1916) of his two private audiences of the Pontiff.

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Dear Dr. Holm:

Thank you for the two pamphlets which
you so kindly sent for our Library. They
promise to be very useful, and I am very
glad indeed to have them.

Our section devoted to Orders and De-
corations is gradually growing in size and
importance, and we appreciate such help as
your gift affords.

Very truly yours,

Librarian & Secretary

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October 15th 1929

Lieut.-General, His Highness Frits Vilhelm,
Prince Holm, Duke of Kolachine, G.C.G., G.C.H.S., LL.D., D.C.L.
Suite 1911, Hotel St. Regis
Fifth Avenue & Fifty-Fifth Street
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

At the meeting of the Council of the American
Numismatic Society, held on October 11th, the gift in
memory of your wife, of her Cross as, Lady of Grace of the
Military, Constantinian Order of St. George, was reported
by our Curator.

This evidence of your interest in our Society was
much appreciated by the Council, and it was suggested that
I communicate to you their thanks for your gift to our
collection of Decorations, and for the generous spirit which
prompted it.

Very truly yours,

President.

Second Doctor Called For Prince Holm

The condition of Prince Fritz-Vilhelm Holm, Danish explorer, lecturer and writer, who is suffering from double pneumonia at the Hotel St. Regis, became so serious last night that his personal physician, Dr. Ernest Eaton of 53 West Eighty-third street, called in another physician, Dr. Lynn Boyd, for consultation.

Prince Holm, who has been in this country since last fall, says he has never worn an overcoat in his life, Dr. Eaton reported. The physician said today that he found that the patient had been suffering from pneumonia for four days, refusing to go to bed, before he was summoned.

F. V. HOLM DEAD; DANISH EXPLORER

***Succumbs to Pneumonia—Had
Many Titles, Among Them
That of Prince.***

Frits Vilhelm Holm, Danish explorer and traveler, died yesterday morning at the St. Regis Hotel in his forty-ninth year. Double lobar pneumonia developed on Thursday from a cold which is thought to have been contracted when he recently returned from the South, and, in keeping with his custom, refused to put on an overcoat.

In an eventful career in Europe, Asia and North America Mr. Holm had acquired many honorary titles. Recently he had used the title of Prince, which was conferred upon him twelve years ago by Montenegro.

He received naval training while a youth in his native Denmark, but before he was 20 he embarked as a newspaper correspondent on his first adventures. His most widely advertised exploit was an expedition into the interior of China in search of a monolithic tablet in the tomb of Nestor, known as the Nestorian Monument, which dated back to the eighth century. He brought back a two-ton replica of the monument, which was exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum from 1908 to 1916. It is now in the Lateran Museum at Rome.

In October, 1919, he married Miss Marguerite L. Green, daughter of the late Warren L. Green, president of the American Bank Note Company, and the present Mrs. Edouard de Wolf of Paris. Mrs. Holm died in Paris in November, 1928.

In 1928 he published a peace plan that drew encomiums from Colonel E. H. House. It was recently printed in the Congressional Record.

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Explorer, Decorated by 40
Nations and the Pope
Is Victim of Pneumonia

His Career Diversified

Expected to Inherit Millions
of Late Warren L. Green

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In his last hours he was visited by George Peabody Converse and Mrs. Converse, who is Anita Stewart, motion picture actress. Mr. Converse was related to Dr. Holm by marriage. Dr. Holm, in 1911, married Marguerite Macdonough Green, only child of the late Warren L. Green, who was president of the American Bank Note Company. Mrs. Holm died in Paris in October, 1928. Her mother, now Mrs. Edouard de Wolf, lives in France.

Held Decorations of Forty Nations

Upon her death, Dr. Holm had expected to inherit the fortune left to his mother-in-law by Mr. Green, which was estimated at \$10,000,000.

Dr. Holm was forty-nine years old and in his life time he had traveled over a large part of the world. He was decorated by forty nations and by the Holy See, and many titles were conferred upon him. King Nicholas of Montenegro, made him a prince and gave him the rank of lieutenant-general. Dr. Holm as the diplomatic envoy of San Marino, attended the inauguration of Warren G. Harding. Subsequently, according to the biographical sketch which he prepared as a prospectus for his lecture tours in this country, he became the head of a "company controlling the secret service trilogy by H. S. H., the Duke of Xensi," and prepared a book of heraldic numismatic nature.

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Returning to Europe by way of the United States, he visited the St. Louis World's Fair of 1904 and then did journalistic work in London for the late Earl of Kintore. At twenty-five he organized a scientific expedition which visited Sian-Fu in the interior of China, from where Dr. Holm brought to America, in 1908 a two-ton reproduction of the famous Nestorian Monument of the eighth century. The monument was exhibited for eight years in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and then, when Mrs. George Leary bought it for \$22,000, Dr. Holm took it to Rome and presented it to the Pope, who placed it in the Museum of Christian Antiques of the Lateran Palace.

Gave League Unique Proposal

Dr. Holm donated full-size plaster reproductions of the monument to seven governments and sold an eighth reproduction to Yale. From 1909 to 1912 he did literary criticism for "The New York Times" and lectured in the United States and other countries.

A year ago he sent to the League of Nations a proposal that in time of war the members of the governments and legislatures of the belligerent countries be sent to the front as privates in the infantry. He suggested that similar service also be imposed upon the clergy.

After his marriage, Dr. Holm lived mostly in Europe, particularly in Paris. Half of his father-in-law's estate went to Mrs. Holm upon her mother's second marriage, but when Mrs. Holm died the interest from her share did not pass on to her husband.